

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 11, 16 and 19. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a chassis having a front end, a rear end, a left rail, a right rail, a pair of non-driven front wheels and a pair of front axles independently mounted at the front end and having a track width, and a pair of rear wheels driven by a power supply at least partially behind the pair of rear wheels, the pair of rear wheels mounted adjacent the rear end and having a track width greater than that of the pair of front wheels;

an operator module mounted on the chassis in front of the power supply, at least a portion of the left rail and right rail extending from under the operator module to define an uncovered area in front of the operator module between the left rail and right rail;

a first row of two cutting units in front of the pair of front axles and mounted to horizontally extending lift arms ~~in front of the pair of front wheels~~; and

a second row of three cutting units behind the pair of front axles and in front of the operator module and power supply wheels, a center cutting unit in the second row having a width less than the distance between the left rail and the right rail ~~and being positioned in the uncovered area between the left rail and the right rail so that the cutting unit is visible from the operator module~~; the other two cutting units in the second row mounted to horizontally extending lift arms that pivot to lift and rotate the two cutting units to a full vertical transport position inside the track width of the pair of rear wheels.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cutting units are reels rotating on generally horizontal axes.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cutting units are rotary blades rotating on generally vertical axes.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the power supply is an internal combustion engine.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the pair of rear wheels are steered.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the uncovered area is at least 5 square feet in size.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein each of the pair of front wheels are smaller in diameter than each of the pair of rear wheels.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cutting units are non-pivotable on a vertical axis.

11. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a ladder type chassis having a left rail, a right rail, a front end and a rear end;
a pair of non-driven front wheels mounted to a pair of front axles mounted to the front end of the chassis, the front wheels having a track width;

a first row of two cutting units mounted to pivotable arms extending from the front end of the chassis so that each cutting unit in the first row is in front of the pair of front axles wheels;

a second row of three cutting units mounted to pivotable arms extending from the chassis so that each cutting unit in the second row is behind the pair of front axles wheels; a center cutting unit in the second row positioned between and having a width less than the distance between left rail and the right rail;

an operator module mounted to the chassis at least primarily behind the second row of cutting units ~~so that the center cutting unit is visible from the operator module;~~

a pair of rear wheels mounted to the chassis adjacent the rear end of the chassis and behind the second row of cutting units; the rear wheels having a track width;

the pivotable arms in the second row movable to at least two distinct positions; one of the positions raising and rotating two of the cutting units to a full vertical position within the widest track of the wheels; and

a power supply mounted to the chassis adjacent the rear end of the chassis and at least primarily behind the operator module and the pair of rear wheels.

12. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein a portion of each rail is under at least one of the operator module and the power supply, a portion of each rail adjacent the front end of the chassis being uncovered by either of the operator module and the power supply.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the left rail and right rail are generally parallel to each other and are spaced farther apart from each other adjacent the front end of the chassis than the rear end of the chassis.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising a hood over the power supply, the hood having a screened air intake.

16. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the pair of front wheels are ~~non-driven and~~ non-steered.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the operator module is pivotably mounted to the chassis.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein each cutting unit is only pivotable on at least one horizontal axis.

19. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a chassis on which an operator module is mounted in front of a power supply, the chassis including a pair of rails and being partially covered by the operator module and the power supply;

a front pair of non-driven wheels mounted on a front pair of axles

~~independently and front axles and a rear pair of wheels~~ mounted to the chassis, ~~and a pair of rear wheels at least one pair of wheels being steerable and~~ driven by the power supply; the rear pair of wheels having a greater track width than the front pair of wheels; and

a first row and a second row of cutting units mounted on arms extending laterally from the chassis, the first row including two cutting units less than about 18 inches in front of the front pair of axles wheels and the second row including a center cutting unit and two outside ~~three~~ cutting units less than about 18 inches behind the front pair of axles wheels; each of the cutting units in the second row being in front of ~~at least primarily uncovered by the operator module and the power supply in a~~ mowing position, the [a] center cutting unit in the second row being positioned entirely between the pair of rails in the mowing position and visible from the operator module, each of the , the outside cutting units being within the track width of the rear wheels if the outside cutting units are raised and rotated to in a transporting position.

20-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the power supply is primarily behind the rear pair of wheels to drive the rear wheels.